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| In re Application of: | § | Atty. Docket No.: | OPSA,002 |
| Jerry N. McMicken | § | | |
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| Serial No.: 10/507,530 | § | | |
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| Titled: EXTENDING THE LIFE | § | Examiner: | n/a |
| OF AN AMORPHOUS | § | | |
| HARDFACE BY INTRO- | § | | |
| DUCTION OF PELLETS | § | | |

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July 5, 2005

Date

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before examination of the captioned National Phase application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered. So far as Applicant can determine, no fee is due for filing this Second Preliminary Amendment, but in the event a fee is assessed, the Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to draw on the Deposit Account of Wisner & Associates, Account No. 50-0965 (OPSA,002), or refund any overpayment.